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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
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The Honorable Patty Murray  
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The Honorable Christopher "Kit" Bond  
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Dear Chairmen Inouye and Murray and Senators Cochran and Bond:

As you begin work on the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations bill for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, I would like to share with you my Illinois priorities. I thank you for your past assistance and look forward to working with you on these important projects.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- Ash Avenue Extension, City of Decatur. \$400,000 for preliminary engineering to extend Ash Avenue east from to Illinois Route 48. [FHWA]
- Bethany Road widening, City of Sycamore. \$1 million to widen Bethany Road and allow for a greater volume of traffic. [FHWA]
- CTA Circle Line, Chicago. \$1 million for further analysis and preliminary engineering for the CTA Circle Line. The project could connect all of the existing CTA lines and add new CTA and Metra transfer stations. [FTA]
- CTA Green Line, Chicago. \$10 million to expand capacity on the south branches of the CTA Green Line. [FTA]
- CTA Red Line, Chicago. \$1 million for further analysis and preliminary engineering for

the CTA Red Line extension. The project will ultimately extend the Red Line from its current terminus, at 95<sup>th</sup> Street, to 130<sup>th</sup> Street. [FTA]

- CTA Red Line North Station, Track, Viaduct and Station Rehabilitation, Chicago. \$10 million to improve the track, viaducts and stations on the north end of the Red Line. [FTA]
- I-55 Business Loop to Memorial Hospital, City of Lincoln. \$2 million to construct a three-legged intersection to provide public access to Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. [FHWA]
- I-120 corridor initiative, Lake County. \$1 million to design and build a by-pass of the existing IL 120 in Lake County. [FHWA]
- Illinois Bus and Bus Facilities, Statewide. \$10 million to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for downstate bus and bus facilities outside of the RTA service region. [FTA]
- Illinois pedestrian and bicycling road and trail improvements and enhancements, Statewide. \$3 million for bike and pedestrian trails across the state. [FHWA]
- Interchange at Barrington Road/I-90, Hoffman Estates. \$1 million for engineering and design of a full interchange off of I-90 in Hoffman Estates. [FHWA]
- METRA Positive Train Control, Northeast Illinois. \$5 million to implement a Positive Train Control (PTC) system with Metra and freight rail carriers. PTC is an electronic safety tool that keeps passenger trains and freight trains at a safe distance from each other. [FRA]
- Miller Road Widening, McHenry County. \$1,000,000 to widen Miller Road from IL Route 31 to River Road. [FHWA]
- PEERS Rail-Grade Crossing Safety, Illinois. \$500,000 for the Illinois Commerce Commission's Public Education and Enforcement Research (PEERS) program to improve rail-grade crossing safety through education and enforcement initiatives. [FRA]
- Quincy Airport, Quincy. \$600,000 for airfield improvements to improve the drainage of the taxiways and restripe runway. [FAA]
- Richton Road Extension, Village of Richton. \$600,000 to construct a two-lane road extension of Richton Road to connect the Metra station, existing housing and commercial/retail areas. [FHWA]
- Street Resurfacing, Northlake, IL. \$500,000 for resurfacing residential streets in

Northlake. [FHWA]

- US Highway 30, Whiteside County. \$1 million to construct a four-lane U.S. Highway 30 between Fulton and Rock Falls, Illinois. [FHWA]

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

- Boys Town, Chicago. \$500,000 for construction of treatment family homes to serve at-risk youth.
- Calhoun County Community Center, Hardin, IL. \$250,000 for construction and renovation of a community center.
- City of Springfield, Springfield, IL. \$500,000 for construction of a new building for the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery in Springfield that provides free services to at-risk children.
- Downtown Redevelopment, City of Rockford. \$500,000 for land acquisition, demolition and infrastructure improvements in downtown Rockford.
- Downtown Revitalization, Oak Park, IL. \$300,000 for infrastructure improvements to improve downtown Oak Park.
- Educare Center, West DuPage. \$400,000 for construction of a new center in West DuPage to expand services to at-risk children.
- Foreclosure Prevention Pilot, Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP), Chicago. \$250,000 to create SWOP's "Keep Our Homes" campaign that aims to work with banks servicing borrowers in Chicago neighborhoods in danger of foreclosure.
- Harrison Impact Zone Infrastructure Improvements, City of Peoria. \$250,000 for revitalization efforts on Peoria's far Southside.
- Johnson County, Vienna, IL. \$250,000 for refurbishing of a local theatre to be used as a multipurpose community facility.
- Old Town School of Folk Music, Chicago. \$500,000 for construction of a LEED-certified, arts education facility in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood.
- Quad Cities Rail Station, Moline, IL. \$500,000 for design, engineering, land acquisition, environmental analysis and site prep for a station to support new intercity passenger rail service to the Quad Cities.



- Springfield YMCA, Springfield. \$1,000,000 for construction of a new campus building.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate for the following bills. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

I thank you in advance for your assistance with these important projects. If I can provide additional information or assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at 4-2152.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator